

him that there is nothing to be uneasy about at present."

The boatswain went to the far end of the promontory, and sprang from rock to rock across the creek towards the place where he and Frank had come upon the turtles the day before.

Fritz returned to the cave, up to which Frank and James were busy bringing armfuls of seaweed* Mrs. Wolston was dressing little Bob. Jenny and Dolly were still with the captain.

In the corner of the promontory the fire crackled under the stove, and the kettle began to boil, white steam escaping from its spout.

When Fritz had finished his conversation with the captain, he and Jenny went down to the beach, They walked a little way and then turned back under the lofty cliff which enclosed them like a prison wall.

Fritz spoke in tones of deep emotion.

" Dear wife, I must talk to you of what is in my heart. I can see you with me in the canoe after I had found you upon Burning Rock. And then our meeting with the pinnacle, and our return to Rock Castle with all the others ! Two happy years slipped by with nothing to mar their quiet happiness ! You were the joy and charm of our

circle. We were so accustomed to
life under
those conditions that it seemed as if
there were no
world outside our island. And if it had
not been